MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 28-8-1938.

(*c*) (i) Yes.

(ii) and (iii) It is reported that the facts alleged in the petition do not relate to the officer named in it.

(*d*) Mr. N. Venkiteswara Iyer, Muvattupuzha.

Licences issued to the holders of guns.

34. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is compulsory that licences issued to the holders of guns in Travancore should be produced before the nearest Second Class Magistrates for being initialled by them ;

(*b*) whether it is usual to prosecute those who fail to do so ;

(*c*) how many of such persons in the Kunnatnad taluk, who failed to produce their licences as aforesaid, were prosecuted in the years 1112 and 1113 ; and how many of such cases were brought to conviction ;

(*d*) whether prosecutions have been started against those who have produced their licences as aforesaid and, if so, how many of such persons who have produced their licences for initialling have been prosecuted and the reasons for such prosecutions ;

(*e*) if those persons who have produced their licences and got them initialled have been prosecuted, the person who is responsible for the loss thereby incurred by the former ; and

(*f*) if the licensees who produced their licences for initialling were prosecuted and thereby put to hardships and losses, whether the Government have taken any action against the officer responsible for that ; if so, the action so taken and, if not, the reason therefor ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 1112—20 prosecuted, 5 convicted.
1113—50 prosecuted, 37 convicted.

(*d*) Yes. Two persons were prosecuted at Kunnatnad, but acquitted. The prosecution was due to an error in verifying the registers.

(*e*) It does not appear that the parties sustained any loss.

(*f*) No action was taken as the prosecution was the result of a *bonafide* error.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : രണ്ടുപേർ കേസിൽ പ്രതികളായിരുന്നു എങ്കിലും അവരെ അക്യുറേറ് ചെയ്തതുകൊണ്ട് കേസു നടത്തുന്നതിനു വലിയ ചിലവുകളൊന്നും ഉണ്ടാകാനിടയില്ലെന്നു മറുപടിയിൽ പറഞ്ഞുകാണുന്നു. എന്നാൽ കേസിൽ പ്രതികളായിവന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്ക് (അവരിൽ ഒരാൾ ഞാൻതന്നെയാണ്) വക്കാലത്തുകൊടുത്തു വാദിച്ചില്ലെങ്കിൽ നിർദ്ദോഷിയാണെന്ന് തെളിയുന്നതെങ്ങിനെ?

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MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : വക്കാലത്തുകൊടുത്തതന്നെ തെളിയിക്കണം.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : കുറ്റം ചെയ്യാത്തവരെ പ്രോസിക്യൂട്ട് ചെയ്തതുനിമിത്തം അവർക്കുണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ള കഷ്ടനഷ്ടങ്ങൾക്ക് ആരാണ് ഉത്തരം പറയേണ്ടതു ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : അതു ബോണഫൈഡി മിസ്റ്റേക്ക് കൊണ്ട് വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതാണെന്ന് പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : അതു ബോണഫൈഡ്മിസ്റ്റേക്കാണെന്ന എങ്ങിനെ മനസ്സിലായി?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് മജിസ്ട്രേട്ടിന്റെ റിപ്പോർട്ടുകൊണ്ടാണ് അതു മനസിലായത്.

MR. KAHNANTHODATH JANARDHANAN NAIR : May I know if a mistake is committed by an officer due to an error who is answerable to the damages ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : That is a question of law.

Lathi charge within the Science College premises.

35. * MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) Whether any one in the Reserve Police or in the General Police Force has been found guilty and punished in connection with the lathi charge within the Science College premises in 1113;

(*b*) if so, the number of persons punished ;

(*c*) the nature of their offence ;

(*d*) the posts held by the persons thus punished, Head Constables or Constables ;

(*e*) the nature of the punishment meted out to each of them ;

(*f*) whether the said punishment has been cancelled subsequently ; and

(*g*) whether persons thus punished are now in service and, if so the posts they are now holding ?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Eight.

(*c*) For exceeding the orders in the matter of dispersing the aggressive crowd that had assembled in the Science College on the evening of 31-11-1113.

(*d*) One Head Constable and seven constables.

(*e*) They were dismissed from service.

(*f*) Yes. They were reinstated and the period during which they were out of duty was treated as suspension as specific punishment.

(*g*) Yes ; one as Head Constable and seven as constables.

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